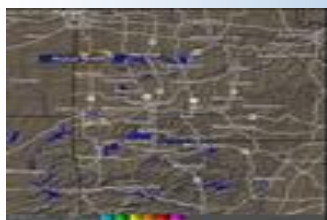




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Speed dating grows in popularity

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SPRINGFIELD -- In about the time that it takes to get food at a drive-thru restaurant, you can now have a date. "Speed dating" is becoming a popular way to meet people in the Ozarks and it's not just for the kids. Men and women of all ages are rushing to hit it off with someone else.

In the time it takes to read the story, you could've already been on a speed date. It really goes to show you that every minute counts.

A room was set up recently for a romantic date with candles, chocolate and wine -- for about 30 strangers! It was speed dating night.

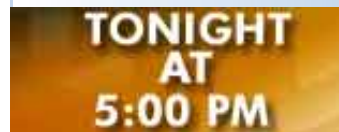
At one table, was Linda -- age 51, never been married.

"I'm ready for a relationship. I don't know how to date!" Linda said.

And across the room was Mark -- age 49, divorced twice.

"I will never be divorced a third time, absolutely not -- maybe murder but never be divorced a third time!" Mark said.

They, along with a roomful of professionals, were there to try to make a love connection in six



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minutes.

At first, Linda seemed a little uneasy.

"I've never done anything like this before. I'm just acting like I'm not nervous," she admitted.

On the other hand, Mark seemed to put other people at ease.

"I could've carried on a conversation for hours with some of these people," Mark said.

As couples chit-chatted, they kept notes, and at the end of each "date," they scored the other person. If there was a match the coordinator would let them know in a day or so.

In this case, it was Tinka Betz from Cupid.com, who has a pretty good track record.

"I've put together a couple of people who are married and are still married," Betz said. "It's wonderful. I love love!"

By the end of the night, our two singles paired up. Mark and Linda are opposites but they strove to find common ground.

"She was a lovely person. She was a little shy," said Mark.

That date was a miss but the night wasn't.

"I don't know if I found anyone but I would do this again," said Linda.

From the first timer to the never ender, they both seem hooked and went as far as saying this new way to date may be the best way.

"I think this might be the way to do it," Linda said.

"You can't win unless you try, and if you get knocked off a horse, you get back on. Now I hate horses but I mean, if I fall off a bicycle, I'm getting back on," Mark said.

Mark told us he had four matches. Linda didn't have any but she says this was a big step for her to actually get out there and do it so she definitely didn't go home empty-handed.

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